ICD-10-PCS PICC and Central Line Documentation

In ICD-9-CM, central lines and peripherally inserted central catheter (PICC) lines have one default procedure code. The ICD-9-CM default procedure code is 38.93, venous catheterization, not elsewhere classified. In ICD-10-PCS, central lines and PICC lines do not have a default code due to the specificity of the ICD-10-PCS code set. Procedure code assignment will be based on more specific documentation requirements for and the body part (including laterality when applicable) where the catheter tip ends.

For accurate ICD-10-PCS procedure code assignment, coders will review documentation within the PICC/Central Line Flowsheets and PICC procedure notes for the body part (including laterality when applicable) where the catheter tip ends:

- Right atrium
- Atrial caval junction
- Inferior vena cava
- Innominate (brachicephalic) vein
- Jugular
- Subclavian vein
- Superior vena cava

Within the PICC/Central Line Care Connect Flowsheet, the body part where the catheter tip ends should be documented within the “Final Tip Placement” field. The Care Connect Central Line/PICC Line Templates have been updated to capture the catheter “Final Catheter Tip Placement.” Coding guidelines allow coders to use imaging reports to locate the final catheter tip placement. When imaging reports do not identify the location of the catheter tip and documentation within the Flowsheet and/or the PICC Line procedure note is missing the “Final Catheter Tip Placement,” a query will be required for accurate procedure code assignment.

Care Connect PICC Line and Central Line Flowsheets with required ICD-10-PCS documentation:
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Care Connect PICC Line Flowsheet without required ICD-10-PCS documentation:

The chest x-ray identifies the “Final Catheter Tip Placement” (body part) is the superior vena cava.

In this case, the documentation requirement is met due to the chest x-ray specifying the body part where catheter tip ends. In the absence of the chest x-ray identifying the body part where the catheter tip ends, the documentation requirement would be insufficient and would require a query for accurate ICD-10-PCS code assignment.

ICD-10-PCS Documentation Compliance = “Final Catheter Tip Placement”

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